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General A. J. Warner and Hon. H. F. Bartine are now on their way to Nebraska, Kansas and Utah, organizing the silver forces for the coming fight. Mr. Bartine two years ago thought there was hope for silver reorganization through the Republican party and was the candidate of that party for Congress in Nevada. Since then he has given up all hope of the Republicans doing anything for silver, except to discredit it still more as a money metal, if that is possible. Now he is for silver before party, and advising the people to believe in the restoration of the metal to its old position from the old parties and make common cause against the gold bug, whether they assume to be Republicans or Democrats.

Independent action and unified action of silver forces will accomplish in the end all that the people have been expecting. The old parties to do or not to do, the Republicans and Democrats have succeeded each other by turns in Congress and the White House. Both parties have promised when out of power to restore silver to its former position. Bitter experience has taught the people that those promises were made to be broken, made to deceive them. In fact the cause of the silver is not the cause of the gold standard. Now a Republican House of Representatives and a Democratic Administration agree on the financial question, and are alike intent on fastening the gold standard on the country. The House refuses by an overwhelming majority to pass the Senate Free Coinage bill, and with abundance of available cash in the Treasury pass a bill to issue interest-bearing gold bonds.

Under such circumstances it is not surprising that Mr. Bartine, or any other intelligent person who claims to be a friend of silver and desires to be consistent, should advocate independent action by the friends of silver. It is not expected that the machine politicians, whose fight is for spoils, will follow the example of Mr. Bartine, but the spoilsmen comprise only a comparatively small number, and the majority should not be misled by them, but sever all connection with a party that in the present House of Representatives has proved its hostility to silver by overwhelmingly defeating a bill to restore it to its old standard.

STEEL WAGON ROADS.

Colonel J. D. McIntire, a civil engineer of Seattle, Washington, believes he has solved the good roads problem and predicts that his invention will revolutionize country travel. He calls it the Steel Wagon Road, and he conceived the idea of its construction from observing that drivers of all kinds of vehicles seek street car tracks in preference to the best gravel or paved streets.

The track on which Colonel McIntire proposes to have wagon wheels run is a steel rail of the thickness of boiler plate and five inches wide, constructed in the shape of a gutter with a square perpendicular shoulder half an inch high. This furnishes a conduit to carry off water, and it makes an easy track for wheels to run in, and the wear on tires is reduced to a minimum, and loaded wagons can easily get on or off the track.

It is estimated that a horse will draw twenty times as much on the steel track as on a dirt road and it will cost much less than a macadamized road. It can be used for bicycles as well as wagons and as the cost of keeping it in repair after it is built will not exceed that of the ordinary road, it is believed it will be generally used where there is much travel.

CARSON MINT SHORTAGE.

The trial of John T. Jones, ex-Assistant Minter and Refiner at the Carson mint, resulted, as did the first trial of James Heney, in a disagreement of the jury, seven being for conviction and five for acquittal. It was evident to all who read what was published of the testimony that there would not be an acquittal. The defendant on cross-examination contradicted what he testified to in his direct statement, and failed to show that his wealth was acquired by fortunate speculation in stocks. The contradiction and the failure to account for his acquisition of many thousands of dollars while at work in the mint doubtless had much weight with the jury. Then again the fact that at least \$75,000 was stolen from the department of which the defendant had charge counted against him.

If Mr. Jones acquired his money through stock speculations, as is generally reported, he should not hesitate to establish the fact in court, as he certainly ought to be able to do so from the books of his brokers, and clear himself of the charge of robbery, which seven of twelve men sworn to try his case impartially believe to be established by the evidence.

THE LITTLE GOLDBUG

The Belmont Courier, which for many years fought under the Republican banner, is a staunch advocate of free coinage and consequently opposed to goldites whether they pose as Republicans or Democrats. In a recent issue it says: McKinley of Ohio is scouring the country trying to secure delegates to the Republican National Convention favorable to him. This uncompromising

goldbug wants to be President of the United States. In a speech delivered recently McKinley said: "The Republican party would as soon think of lowering the flag of the country as to contemplate without protest and opposition any attempt to 'degrade or corrupt' the medium of exchange among the people." The little goldbug captain would perhaps rather see some other flag hoisted and have old Robt-child rule America. The people of this country have no use for McKinley, as he will discover after the election is over.

GIVEN SOME OF HIS OWN MEDICINE.

Governor McCannell of Idaho has a mouth and he likes to use it. He said to Sheriff Campbell of Latah county that he would call out a regiment of troops to protect two murderers who were in Campbell's custody. Campbell said: "The Sheriff's office will be conducted rigidly in accordance with law. The unbounded gall you exhibit in seeking to direct my office is no doubt surprising to those unacquainted with you. Obey the instructions you gave Grover Cleveland. 'Mind your own business hereafter and keep your nose strictly out of my affairs.'"

AN EDITOR DOES WRONG.

Almost as bad as the Ministers. Los Angeles, March 19.—D. C. Ashland, editor of the *Sumnerland Advance*, a paper published in Santa Barbara county, is missing. He left home last Monday, telling his wife that he was going to Santa Barbara. Instead he came to Los Angeles and was seen with a woman named Mollie. Mrs. Ashman arrived here today in search of him and learned that he and Mollie have gone to Mobile, Alabama.

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In the House today the debate was resumed on the resolution to censure Ambassador Bayard. Grosvenor replied to the remarks made yesterday about General Schenck. He said that Schenck might be a poker player and that he did draw up a few rules about the game at the request of a friend, but he said that he abused no confidence when he said that Schenck knew just enough about poker always to lose his money. Moreover, he died without leaving an unpaid poker debt. Pearson followed, and in the course of his speech predicted that the protection victory of '94 would be repeated this year.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

The Black Oaks group of mines in Tuolumne county, Cal., has been sold to Eastern men for \$300,000. A heavy snow storm prevailed in parts of Ohio yesterday covering the ground to a depth of eleven inches.

General Weyler, in an interview, says that he may be forced to resign, though he is confident that the Spaniards will win.

A fire broke out in the Masonic Temple at Providence, Rhode Island, spread to other building and destroyed \$350,000 worth of property.

Albert Fields, colored, who murdered Mrs. Standolph in Chicago by beating her head to a pulp with a flat iron, was sentenced yesterday to be hanged on May 15th.

Leading Republicans of Kentucky held a meeting at Louisville, endorsed Governor Bradley's course in calling out the militia and pledging him their support as a Presidential candidate.

Fred Leach, the Southern Pacific Company's agent at San Pedro, Cal., disappeared a few days ago. A shortage of \$350 has been discovered in his accounts. He did not gamble and had no bad habits.

C. F. Mars, a San Francisco contractor, was assaulted and beaten by strikers, who claimed he was working for less than union wages. Mars was beaten until unconscious and he died from his injuries.

Two men were fighting on Mason street, San Francisco, last Sunday. John Buckley was passing along and attempted to separate the fighters, receiving a blow in the ear from which he died yesterday.

A Spanish soldier at Porto Rico attempted to assassinate United States Consul J. D. Hull. The Spanish authorities say the soldier fired at an escaping prisoner from the prison adjoining the Consul's residence.

Judge Black of the Superior Court, San Francisco, has decided that the "pencil" will of James G. Fair must be considered first, as it is dated three days later than the "trust" will. This is considered a victory for Livingston.

At the trial of the members of the Johannesburg Reform Committee at Pretoria an employee at the Simmer and Jack mine testified to seeing arms and Maxim guns unloaded from oil tanks. About 700 cases of rifles and twenty-four Maxim guns were received.

Jackson and Walling, the alleged murderers of Miss Pearl Bryan at Cincinnati, are now in the Newport, Kentucky, jail. They were taken from Cincinnati to the evening. The useless body of Miss Bryan was found in Kentucky, though it is suspected that she was murdered in Cincinnati.

Dan McCall, a train robber, was shot and killed while attempting to stop a train near Goshen, California. Sheriff Merritt of Tulare county heard that a gang was preparing to rob a train. Several officers were aboard and when McCall climbed over the tender and ordered the engineer to stop, two officers who were concealed behind the coal on the tender jumped on him. McCall opened fire on them, wounding

Earl Daggett, one of the officers. They returned the fire and killed McCall. Several alleged accomplices of the dead robber have been arrested.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads has adopted Wright's resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to review all plans for the settlement of the railroad debts and co operate with the Senate Committee on Pacific Roads. Powers of Vermont, Wright of Massachusetts and Ferris of Indiana, Republicans, and Kyle of Mississippi and Sulzer of New York, Democrats, were appointed such committee.

A conference between the silver Senators who voted against taking up the Dingley bill, and Republican manufacturers is being held at Washington. The manufacturers say nothing can be done with the tariff without the assistance of the silver Senators. The latter will present an ultimatum, which it is believed will be for the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, and for protection half the manufacturers are silver men, and those who are not are badly frightened.

Rev. Dr. Brown met his congregation and the report of the council was read. The unanimity of the meeting was disturbed when a member of the church offered a resolution "that the interests of the church and congregation would be best served by a pastor whose name and reputation had never been called in question." There was a buzz of excitement and the confusion was so great that an attempt was made to clear the room of strangers. The resolution was promptly tabled and Dr. Brown will preach.

AN EASY BET TO WIN.

It Took Only a Short Time to Collect "More Than Twenty" Fools.

They stepped to the edge of the sidewalk and looked long and earnestly in the direction of the cornice of one of the big buildings. Of course under the circumstances the man who had been standing in the doorway felt impelled to join them. He could not see anything extraordinary at the top of the building, but he kept his eyes upturned because they did.

A man who was hurrying along saw the three, and he at once forgot where he was going and what he had to do, and joined them.

"I told you so," said the man who had first cast his eyes in that direction, and he made a motion as if to point out something to his companion.

Two men who were passing saw the gesture and stopped to investigate, and as they had fairly fixed their gaze upon the cornice three others joined them.

"You may be right," returned the companion of the man who had first spoken, "but you said 20, you know."

Six more people, including two women, were now straining their eyes to see what was wrong with the cornice, and a rumor was in circulation that some one had tried to throw a child out of one of the windows. This was promptly denied by the man who knows it all and who is always present on such occasions. He said that a gang of counterfeits had been found on the top floor and had taken refuge on the roof, where they were preparing to do battle with the officers who had been sent to arrest them.

Meanwhile the little group at the edge of the sidewalk had swelled to a crowd of over a hundred.

"Well, are you satisfied now?" asked the man who had first stopped.

"Yes," replied his companion.

"There are more than 20."

"More than 20 what?" anxiously inquired several of those nearest the two.

"Fools," returned the first speaker promptly, "impaired idiots. You see, we had a dispute as to the number of fools to be seen on the streets of a great city, and I bet him we could gather 20 around us in ten minutes by simply standing out here and looking up at the cornice. Gentlemen, there are more than 20 of you here, and I win."

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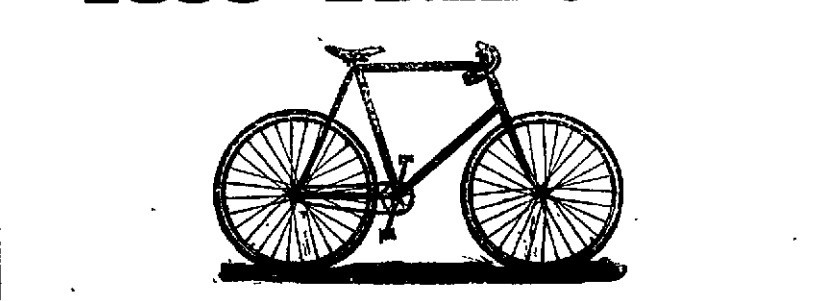
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